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- Copy of Return Receipt Postcard date stamped received by OIPE "JAN 20 2004" (1 page);
- Copy of documents filed January 15, 2004 via First Class U.S. Mail:
 - Transmittal Letter (1 page);
 - Preliminary Amendment (20 pages)

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 Application No.: 09/855,001
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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to a telephone conference received from Examiner V. Patel on June 14, 2004, in which the Examiner claims that the preliminary amendment for the above-identified patent application, as filed with the Office on January 15, 2004, was never received. Enclosed herewith is a true and complete copy of the preliminary amendment as originally filed with the Office on January 15, 2004. Also enclosed is a true and complete copy of the receipt postcard, date stamped received by the Office of Initial Patent Examination on January 20, 2004.

We hope that the enclosures serve as sufficient evidence that the Applicant filed the preliminary amendment in a timely manner. If further clarification is needed, the Office is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Preliminary Amendment (20 pages); and
2. Return Receipt Postcard.

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